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AUSTRALIAN HANDIPI.

"Stool" a foe for the phill;
Convey, the wise it call;
"That thus it would end, I once offered a bit,
And I should have won, for it's not over yet."

"Ill weeds," says the proverb, "grow apace,"
and there are few countries where this atrocious
adage more frequently and strikingly illustrated
than in New South Wales. Side by side with
forms of healthy and hopeful, we behold
strange forms of evil, social and political, start-
ing into poisonous perfection with the sudden-
ness of the roadster. Our present news
contains an overgrown specimen
of that weed known as "the bushranger,"
an Australian variety of an ancient and wide-
spread genus. And in truth, the growth of this
"vegetable out of place," has been porten-
tously rapid. Not long since, we called public
attention to some promising plants—or (to put
the metaphor), pointed to the audacious out-
rages committed by some lawless and fearless
men. At that time we confessed that we were
amused as well as alarmed by the impudent
strangeness of the proceedings, and seasoned
our praver warnings against their danger
(*ridiculum dicere verum quid vetat*) with
lighter comments on their eccentricity. We
apprehended worse to come, but not so
soon as on such a scale. When we
suggested that policemen should get up their
pistol-shooting, we did not expect to hear
within two months that the superior weapons
and discipline of an armed escort had not
sufficed to protect them and the treasure in
their custody from organised violence and pil-
lage.

When we spoke of storekeepers studying
fortification, we little thought how soon we
should be told of entrenched bandits carrying
the Queen's highway against public servants
wearing the Queen's livery. Truly, the ill
weeds have grown apace with a vengeance!

In our last essay on the beauties of "stick-
ing up," we regarded it mainly as a practical
achievement. The rollicking, frolicking style
of felony—the deliberate rapine with the con-
certina or violin—"obligato"—the robbery to a
handsome tune, blending with the triumphal
dance to a popular melody, carried our thoughts
back to the highway chronicles of a by-gone
century—to the glories of Dick Turpin and
Gentleman King. The recent news from the
Lachlan tells of a state of things out of
date indeed, but far more decidedly out
of place. The high-handed robbery just
perpetrated by Gardner and his gang seems
less suited to a British colony than to Sicily in
1841, or the mountains of the Abruzzi, where
brigandage at present flourishes under the dis-
tinguished patronage of a throneless Bomboniello.

Perhaps the last mentioned illustration may
throw some useful light on the causes which,
for the time being, have imperilled property and
established the supremacy of law. The recog-
nised brotherhood of *lazzaroni* and *furore*
may suggest an intimate connection between
loving and bushranging. The desire to eat
bread without the sweat of the brow—to
combine habitual indolence with occasional
excitement—is, in nine cases
out of ten, the freebooter's principal
motive. Contempt for the powers that be
is also operative. In New South Wales
both these agencies have the freest scope.
A lucky hit on the diggings, with its won-
derful advantages—the two days' golden harvest,
followed by a fortnight's dream of drunken
profusion and an awakening to remorse and beggary,
may well tend at once to embitter the social
feelings, and to relax the sinews of patient
industry. Gold-digging has not yet ceased to
be furiously speculative, and a gambler is
generally a *monstrous* squire. The irrationally
high state of wages, which so long
tempted able-bodied men to work one
day and "lark" two, has also produced
small but formidable number of lazy malcon-
ts, devoted to grog and hostile to God's
entrance of labour. And what shall we say
of burroughs—armed insurrection against
law and property with its appropriate results
of demolition and pillage? We boast that we
are ruled by numeration of noses; the masses,
at least the noisy and stirring part of them,
close to applaud riot and sympathise with
robbery. What can a popular Government do
when King Mob patronises armed insurgents?
The Clerks of St. Nicholas are learned enough
to draw an obvious inference. If two thousand
men are justified in gold robbery, why not
twenty? It is no unmeaning coincidence that
just when the numerous admirers of the immaculate
knave are besieging the Executive with a
monster petition, backed by affidavits which it
is too late to scrutinise or refute; Gardner has
taken the field with his band of desperadoes.
Defiance is near akin to bullying.

Of the details of a conflict exemplified in
this country, we shall leave others to speak.
The police were taken utterly by surprise, and
the overturning of their vehicle probably placed
them so far at the mercy of their
assailants that resistance would have been
suicidal. We heard lately of a telegraph
cable, who, with no weapon but a tomahawk,
reisted and put to flight four armed ruffians;
but such an intrepid contempt of odds, worthy
of all praise and reward as it may be, cannot
be expected, and would not always be available,
especially against well-managed firearms.

We are happy to see, then, an active pursuit
at once warranted, and that Sir F. Pot-
tinger has a brilliant opportunity of effecting
all unlooked-for results. The success of his
efforts what it may (and we do not fear
that the chase will have been lightly
abandoned) there is little doubt that
the reward offered by Government will bear
fruit. It may be annoying to anticipate that
some double-distilled scoundrel, lacking even
such honour as is proverbially found among
thieves, will sack a thousand pounds of the
public money in addition to his quota of the
three thousand ounces; but the circumstances
fully justify the offer. It is no small matter,
known to the hour when that offer became
known to Gardner's gang, all mutual confidence
must be at an end. Fear of treachery
must be to the ascendant, even should there be
no traitor.

"Each takes his fellow for an officer."
Further combination for desperate enterprise
thus becomes at once impossible. The band
of cut-throats disperse to wash their faces, plant
their flag, and, if possible, find themselves dis-
honourable graves in some safer region. As for
their leader, he perhaps deserves a more chi-
valrous exit. We are not too soon to assume
his knightly scutcheon of pretence—"the fer-
rock and shackle-bolt azure."

VIAVO.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

MEISSERS, PUNTING AND MACQUEY.—At 11 o'clock, Liverpool-
street, at 10 o'clock, book-trade and general goods, and
at 11 o'clock, at the Strand Hotel, Woolloomooloo-
street, at half-past 10 o'clock, Lenses, Lenses, Spirit, Alie,
Alie, Furniture, and others.

MR. M. D. COCKBURN.—At the Chamberlain, Haymarket, at
10 o'clock, Spirit, Alie, Furniture, and others, and at
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SUPREME COURT.—SATURDAY.
LAST DAY OF SECOND TERM.
BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

MR. PINKETT, Q.C., moved the admission, as an attorney,
of Mr. Joseph Donovan, who had taken the degree of B.A. and M.A. at the Sydney
University, and had served the necessary period of clerkship
(which, in his case, under the privilege granted to those
taking University degrees, was three years only) in the
office of Messrs. Holden and McCarthy.

The Court had great pleasure in directing the admission
of Mr. Donovan. His House was glad to see advance-
ment taken of the privileges granted, and the Legislature to
those who had taken University degrees, and to those who
had not.

MR. DONOVAN, Q.C., moved the admission of Mr. William
Anthony Doak, who had served the necessary period of
clerkship in the office of Mr. D. H. Denby.

The Court had great pleasure in directing Mr. Doak's
admission.

MR. DONOVAN, Q.C., moved the admission of Mr. Robert
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office of Mr. J. H. Brennan and Mr. J. Smith.

The Court had great pleasure in directing Mr. Ker's
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**Preliminary.
Unusual Sale.**

Manchester Goods, Winter Drapery, Fancy Goods,
Just landed ex City of Aberdeen, and Sebastian Call.
To Wholesale Houses, Drapers, Storekeepers, and the
Trade.

THURSDAY, 3rd,
FRIDAY, 4th.
At 11 o'clock each day.

MESSRS. CHAS. MOORE AND CO. have
received instructions to sell by auction,
at their New Rooms, Pitt-street, on the above days,
The largest and most valuable assortment of the
goods offered to the trade this season.
The sale of the original packages will commence at half-
past 11.

Terms, very liberal.

done On MONDAY, the 5th, instant, at 11 o'clock

An Impressive Sale of a Stock-in-trade of a retailer in the Fancy Trade, and Jeweller, removed from Fourth Street to the corner of Broadway and 11th Street, and parties concerned, but positively without reserve.

MR. ROBERT MURIEL has received instructions to sell by public auction, at his New Room, opposite the Royal Hotel, **THIS DAY, the 30th Instant, at 11 o'clock.**

The undervalued—

- Large quantity of gold rings, brooches, ivory ditto,
- ditto, jet, ditto, jet bracelets, diamond ditto, stone the brooches,
- ring cases, French gold bracelet chains, pearl double eye-glasses, opera ditto, superior blue pocket spectacles, G. S. and Co. watches, and a large quantity of German silver corkscrews, ivory fruit knives, silver hair, dress sticks, clocks, O. G. ditto, 1 brass-bound jeweller's

MK. ROBERT MUIRHEAD has received instructions to sell by public auction at 10 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd July, at 11 o'clock.

The stock of a retail draper.

Termes, cash

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

On WEDNESDAY next, the 2nd July, at 11 o'clock.

A Stock-in-Trade of a Draper, taken down one-third under cost-price, and then by auction should realize £1750, at the lowest calculation.

The Sale will be held

AT R. MUIR'S New Rooms, opposite the Royal Hotel.

Under the order of assignment, and sold by order of the trustees in the estate of a retail draper, clothier, &c.

The goods having been received from Melitand, they will be sold without regard to cost, and no allowance will be made for any defects or damage.

Termes, cash. No reserve.

N.B.—This stock is of a very voluminous character, but well selected, and has been carefully attended to. The auctioneer, B. Martel, will be glad to advise upon the minds of his old friends and constituents in the drapery trade, &c., that whenever he advertises a sale of soft or other goods, he is confident, although many months out of the drapery business, he is certain to be able to supply the wants of his friends in the trade, which alone will form a first-class company, notwithstanding the periodical sales held by other auctioneers.

Terms, cash.

Batchers, Butchers, Butchers.

R. W. FULLAGAR has received instructions from Mr. C. Hughes to sell, at the York, Western Road, THIS DAY, the 30th June, at 12 o'clock,

150 head of prime fat cattle, in lots to suit purchasers.

Butchers, Butchers, Butchers.

MR. W. FULLAGAR has received instructions from John C. Ryrie, Esq., to sell, at his Yards, Western Road, on **THURSDAY** next, the 3rd July, at 12 o'clock,
1400 prime fat wethers.
In lots to suit purchasers.

PITT and **SULLIVAN** have received instructions from Mr. W. McKennie to sell by auction, **THIS DAY**, 30th instant, at Mr. John Fullagar's, at 12 o'clock,
180 head of prime fat cattle, in lots.

PITT and **SULLIVAN** have received instructions from the proprietor to sell by auction **THIS DAY**, 30th instant, at 12 o'clock,

100 head of prime fat cattle, of the well-known BN button brand, in lots.

Hambledon.

A Splendid Estate of (1000) Sixteen Hundred Acres, adjoining the properties of the late Edwin Ross, and the Ross Estate, about half-way between Windsor and Farnham.

MR. GEORGE GUEST has received instructions from the executors of the late Richard Edwards to sell by private contract, the Hambledon Estate of 1600 acres.

This truly valuable property has been considerably improved. 500 acres are cleared and stumped, and the estate is a large, open, pleasant, and fertile, shade, yards, &c. The original garden is stocked with orange trees of large growth, and a young

majority of two acres, just laid down. The cone of the mountain is a fine view of the surrounding country of pounds. The whole area is securely fenced, and abundantly watered.

The timber of thirteen hundred acres has been carefully preserved, and one of the most valuable forests in the county of Cumberland, abounding in the finest timber, box, gum, oak, and its kindred variety of trees, which is only a few hundred yards. A facility is afforded to the estate purchaser of speedily realising not only his first outlay but a handsome revenue.

For particulars of the location of granges, and the numerous and commodious cottages, possessing such superior accommodation as a homestead, and the numerous and commodious cottages, and the estate sold privately in fourteen days it will be put up to auction.

Applications for terms to **GEORGE GUEST, auctioneer, &c., Richmond.** Any other information can be obtained from the above-named gentleman.

SPENDMAMOI RIVER STATIONS, having a frontage of about Thirteen Miles, situate opposite **Mr. G. Loder's MEKRAH STATION**, and well known as being formerly the property of Messrs Joseph, Esq., the following names—
BULGARIE
SANDY CREEK
MERRUMBOROUGH
DUNGARRAU,
CUMBIL
Together with 6000 **SHEEP**, warranted sound and free from disease.

All those valuable stations, known as
BULGAREE
SANDY CREEK
MERRIMBOOROUGH
DINGAREAU, and
GUMBIL,
commanding a frontage of about thirteen miles to the
far-famed Namoi River; and the runs are also wa-
tered by numerous creeks, thus affording an abun-
dant supply of water to the stock.

The country is excellent, and the runs are estimated to
carry fully 15,000 sheep in all seasons; and it is a well-
known fact that the average yield of wheat is a
guarantee of the healthiness of the soil.

On the head station, the improvements comprise an ex-
cellent wharfed, erected at a cost of about nine hundred
pounds; and there are also large yards and there are also large
yards on each of the other runs.

With the seasons will be
6000 superior NEHEP, comprising—
1000 ewes, 3 to 6 years, to lamb in August
1000 ewes, full mouthed, to lamb in September
6000 wethers, two years old
1000 hogs, have been shorn
In all 6000—never sold and never diseased.

The auctioneer here to invite the attendance of capitalists,
squidmen, and others, to the above sale of runs, well
situated on the coast, at an easy distance of the
Sydney or Midland markets—on the coast of New South
Wales, to be secured, as stations on the Murrumbidgee River are
soon to be marketed for sale.

It is to be noted that the above are the coming city, as well
as the considerable increase which may be fairly expected
—the whole of the ewes being to lamb shortly after day of

Mr. Quinn's sheep are known to be of a superior description,
and the auctioneer simply requests intending buyers

On application being made to Mr. Quinn, he will allow every facility for inspection.

Terms—One-half cash; the remainder of one and two years, bearing bank interest.

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